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1. [] Delivered to George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, six copies of the basic statement to be used in the Director's briefing of the Joint Committee tomorrow. I pointed out to Murphy, John Conway and James Ramey that this was the basic paper on the Director's presentation but that he would not be reading from the paper itself but instead would cover certain highlights which he thought would be of greatest interest to the Committee members. The staff members expressed some surprise that there was no information in the paper on Soviet submarines. I advised them, however, I was sure the Director would cover this in his oral statement.

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2. [] Talked with Al Westphal, on the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, concerning his request for information on reports of the existence of Soviet military forces in Cuba. I told Westphal we had no evidence to support these reports. I added for his information and the information of the Chairman there had been a step-up in Bloc shipping and indications that there are an increasing number of technicians arriving in Cuba. I pointed out that our coverage of this matter was good and that we are watching this closely.

Westphal said his request had come from Representative F. Ross Adair (R., Ind.) who said a number of congressmen had asked him about these reports. I told Westphal to use his discretion in briefing Representative Adair but asked that he tell Adair not to pass on anything other than the fact that after checking with appropriate departments, he had been advised that there was no evidence to support these reports. Westphal thanked me for our assistance in this matter.

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3. [] Discussed briefly with Bob Smart Department of Defense legislative proposal 87-118, amendments to the Missing Persons Act. Advised Smart that we realize the lateness of the submission by DOD and do not wish to press it during this session of Congress.

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